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Application No.: 10/689,613) Examiner: HA DINH HO
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For: CARRIER AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING CARRIER)

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional application of parent Application Serial No. 09/783,992. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), applicants respectfully request acceptance of a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 for the benefit of prior-filed U.S. Application Serial No. 09/783,992 filed on February 16, 2001. Accompanying this Petition is an Amendment which includes a proper reference to the prior-filed application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the entire delay between February 22, 2004, the date by which the claim for priority was due under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii), and the date of the accompanying Amendment was unintentional. The surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) is enclosed.

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Should any questions arise in connection with this matter, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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